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BEGINNING PRESS BUILD-UP FOR VISIT OF KING KHALID WHICH STARTS
MAY 24, TEHRAN JOURNAL MAY 22 CARRIED FULL TEXT OF TJ
PRESIDENT FARHAD MASSOUDI'S INTERVIEW WITH KHALID. MOST
NOTEWORTHY COMMENT BY KHALID WAS THAT MOSLEMS WERE NOT
CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS THAT ISRAELIS HAD ACQUIRED NUCLEAR
CAPABILITY, BECAUSE JUSTICE WAS ON MOSLEM SIDE. HE DUCKED
SECOND PART OF MASSOUDI'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ARABS WOULD
ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONRY TO MEET ISRAELI THREAT. TONE OF
KHALID'S COMMENTS ABOUT IMPENDING VISIT WAS ALMOST EFFUSIVE:
"I WILL PLACE MY HANDS IN THOSE OF MY BROTHER, THE SHAHANSHAH,
AND GOD WILLING, WE SHALL FORGE COOPERATION IN THE WELFARE AND
SECURITY OF OUR OWN RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AS WELL AS THOSE
IN THE GULF." REMAINDER OF KHALID ANSWERS WERE BRIEF
BOILERPLATE WHICH AVOIDED SPECIFICS
IN QUESTIONS POSED BY MASSOUDI. (TEXT POUNCHED TO JIDDA).
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